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BioBlitz is Coming to Lava Beds National Monument!

TULELAKE, CA – Grab your magnifying glass and explore nature like never before in Lava Beds National Monument! On May 20-21, national parks across the country, including Lava Beds National Monument, will participate in the <u>National Parks BioBlitz</u>. BioBlitz is a fun, fast-paced biological survey of a park's creepers and crawlers, plants and pollinators, mammals and more! The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th birthday with more than 100 BioBlitzes across the country.

The Lava Beds National Monument BioBlitz will take place on Saturday, May 21. Volunteers can join scientist-led inventory teams to discover, count, and document different invertebrates (bugs) both above and below ground. Participants of all ages are welcome, and no previous experience is necessary. There will be sessions throughout the day, and each will last about an hour and a half.

To register for the Lava Beds National Monument BioBlitz and to find out more information about the event, follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lava-beds-national-monument-bioblitz-tickets-20489169658 or visit www.eventbrite.com and search for "Lava Beds." Participants who register in advance will receive free entrance into the park on May 21, as well as a free lunch.

American Express is the national sponsor of the 2016 National Parks BioBlitz, and the Lava Beds BioBlitz is being sponsored by the Lava Beds National Monument Natural History Association.

Explorers of all ages are needed. All BioBlitz events are free and open to the public. Whether you have a couple of hours or a full day, there are activities to engage the whole family. To learn more about the National Parks BioBlitz and activities go to:

go.nps.gov/2016bioblitz natgeo.org/bioblitz

Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with

diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email <u>labe interpretation@nps.gov</u>, or go to <u>www.nps.gov/labe</u>. Like us on Facebook; follow us on Twitter!

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